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SUBJECT: MARKARIOS' VISIT UNDERLINES CLOSE IDENTITY OF VIEWS
WITH GOG ON CYPRUS QUESTION

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS EMPHASIZED RE-
PEATEDLY DURING HIS FOUR-DAY VISIT TO ATHENS (JUNE 16-19)
THE CLOSE IDENTITY OF VIEWS BETWEEN THE GOC AND THE GOG ON
THE CYPRUS QUESTION. FOLLOWING THE LENGTHY CONSULTATIONS
BETWEEN THE GREEK AND CYPRIOT LEADERS FRIDAY (JUNE 17) A
JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED WHICH STATED THAT THERE WAS A
"FULL IDENTITY OF VIEWS" ON THE HANDLING OF THE CYPRUS
ISSUE. THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO STATED THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS
REFUSED TO ACCEPT ANY FAITS ACCOMPLIS CREATED BY FORCE, AND
EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT WOULD REALIZE
IT WAS IN THE INTEREST OF ALL TO FIND A "JUST AND HONORABLE
SOLUTION." FINALLY, THE GOG PLEDGED FULL SUPPORT TO THE GREEK
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CYPRIOT PEOPLE AND TO THE GOC'S HANDLING OF THE ISSUE.

2. IN HIS ADDRESS AT THE PANTIOS SCHOOL, WHERE HE WAS AWARDED
AN HONORARY DEGREE JUNE 18 MAKARIOS:

--ACCUSED THE TURKISH SIDE OF FAILING TO DEMONSTRATE
EVEN A "RUDIMENTARY" EXAMPLE OF GOOD WILL IN SOLVING THE CYPRUS

QUESTION;

--CLAIMED THE GREEK CYPRIOTS HAD ALREADY MADE NUMEROUS CONCESSIONS, BUT WARNED THAT THERE WERE LIMITS WHICH THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE WOULD NOT EXCEED;

--RUFUSED TO ACCEPT ANY COMPROMISE WHICH WOULD ENDANGER THE NATIONAL EXISTENCE OF GREEK CYPRIOTS AND THE FUTURE OF THE ISLAND;

--EXPRESSED GRATITUDE THAT "PERHAPS MORE THAN AT ANY OTHER TIME WE HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT, POLITICAL PARTIES AND THE PEOPLE OF GREECE."

3. THE ARCHBISHOP HAD A SECOND PRIVATE SESSION WITH CARAMANLIS ON SATURDAY, MET WITH OPPOSITION LEADERS LATER THAT DAY AS WELL AS WITH FORMER PRIME MINISTER PANAYOTIS KANELLOPOULOS. THE CYPRIOT PRESIDENT ALSO MET WITH PRESIDENT TSATSOS WHO GIVE A LUNCHEON IN HIS HONOR. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT: ITHAS BEEN SEVERAL MONTHS SINCE ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS LAST VISITED ATHENS CONFERRED WITH PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS. ALTHOUGH NOTHING NEW OR DIFFERENT EMERGED FROM THE VISIT, IT SERVED TO DEMONSTRATE AGAIN PUBLICLY THE CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AND THE GOG'S SUPPORT OF AND SOLIDARITY WITH THE GOC.
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